

## District Councillor Report July 2022

### Public Access System – Planning downtime for essential works

Please be aware that there will be a period of downtime on Mendip Council's Planning webpage **between 12-14 July**.

This is due to essential works and means the Public Access System will be unavailable for visitors to the site to view or comment on applications for three days. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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### Planning a journey in Somerset? Think Travel can help

A new one-stop travel information website has been launched to support more local people to access public and community transport.

If you don't own a car – or you want to leave it at home and travel more sustainably, Think Travel can help you with your transport options by showing you what's available. It covers public transport, community transport, the Slinky demand responsive transport service and car sharing.

To start your search, all you need to do is enter your journey start point and destination in the planner and Think Travel will find the available options for you. As well as information on train and bus services, there's also a dedicated car sharing notice board you can sign up to, where offers or requests for car sharing journeys can be posted.

The aim is to grow this facility and encourage local car sharing networks to evolve. You can check out Think Travel here: <https://somerset.thinktravel.info>

### Somerset Food Trail Festival: 15-24 July

An 'open farm' and farm-to-fork showcase that puts the spotlight on Somerset's smaller-scale, nature-friendly farmers and artisan producers in all their fascinating diversity, giving visitors a better understanding of where food comes from and the many benefits of buying local.

For further press information please contact: [theresa@theresasimon.com](mailto:theresa@theresasimon.com) or call 07976 766221. To join as a participant on the Food Trail please contact: [susieweldon@icloud.com](mailto:susieweldon@icloud.com) See: <https://www.facebook.com/somersetfoodtrail>

**Press release:** <https://www.mendip.gov.uk/article/10878/Discover-the-best-of-Somerset-s-sustainable-farms-and-artisan-food-producers-with-the-Somerset-Food-Trail-Festival-15-24-July>

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## Mobile Boost Scheme

Are you a business or household struggling with poor indoor mobile coverage? Connecting Devon and Somerset may be able to help. The Mobile Boost Scheme offers vouchers towards technology to upgrade indoor 4G coverage in “not-spot” areas.

Businesses and households can apply for a voucher of up to £1200 towards the cost of one of a number of mobile signal booster options from a registered supplier. The value of the voucher will be dependent on the type of technology most suitable for the premises. Suppliers will be able to advise on the most appropriate option. Businesses and residents will be required to make a contribution to cover the cost of installation.

For more information and to apply visit [Mobile Boost Voucher Scheme - a guide - Connecting Devon and Somerset](#)